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The Role of Intrinsic Motivation on Altruism, Civic Virtue, Affective Commitment and Work Engagement

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Abstract
Intrinsic motivation plays a pivotal role in shaping various dimensions of nursing practice. This study investigates how intrinsic motivation influences altruism, civic virtue, affective commitment, and work engagement among Bakti Timah Medika nurses. A sample of 134 nurses was selected through accidental sampling. This research uses a quantitative approach to analyze Partial Least Squares Structural Equation Modeling (PLS-SEM). The findings reveal a significant positive correlation between intrinsic motivation and altruism, civic virtue, affective commitment, and work engagement. Notably, work engagement demonstrates the most substantial impact of intrinsic motivation. Furthermore, this study suggests a potential mediator role of work engagement between inherent motivation and altruism, civic virtue, and affective commitment. By shedding light on the influence of intrinsic motivation on essential work outcomes (altruism, civic virtue, affective commitment, and work engagement) within the health sector, this research contributes to enhancing nursing practices.

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1. Introduction
Health has an important role for the population in a country. Health enables a person to perform various activities such as work, play, and study. Nurses have their role in health in a country. Nurses play an important role for organizations in the health sector. The presence of nurses can support the patient's healing process, which ultimately benefits the organization. Service practices provided by nurses play a positive role in the quality of care, patient satisfaction, and waiting time (Jennings et al., 2015).
The management shift from PT Timah Tbk to PT Pertamina Bina Medika led to a change in policy towards its employees, one of whom was a nurse. Labor efficiency through reducing employees, benefits, and demands for continuing to graduate school can reduce nurses' attachment to their work, reduce nurse commitment, and make employees less voluntary and involved.

One important aspect that nurses need to have is intrinsic motivation. Intrinsic motivation plays a role in improving performance in terms of quality (Cerasoli et al., 2014). Intrinsic motivation was found to be able to reduce turnover intention and burnout in nurses (Wang et al., 2019). The invitation to work together makes workers more intrinsically motivated and turns work into play (Carr & Walton, 2014). Nurses participating in professional training activities for 7 days each year have higher intrinsic motivation (Toode et al., 2015). Intrinsic motivation was found to impact work outcomes such as altruism, civic virtue, affective commitment, and work engagement (Buch, 2015; Güntert, 2015; Putra et al., 2015).

Altruism and Civic Virtue are components of organizational citizenship behavior (H. Kim, 2014). Nurses with high altruism tend to help other nurses who do not come to work and are more willing to work and help other nurses with a high workload (Grego-Planer, 2019). Nurses with high civic virtue will increasingly contribute and be positively responsible for their organizational governance (Khan et al., 2020). Altruism and civic virtue were positively related to organizational effectiveness (Kumari & Thapliyal, 2017). Organizational citizenship behavior also increases organizational performance (Park, 2018). Civic virtue behavior depends on transformational leadership styles and emotional exhaustion (Khan et al., 2020).

Nurses with high affective commitment will have low levels of burnout and perform well (Sharma & Dhar, 2016). Nurses committed to their work and organization show less intention to leave and keep the team committed to achieving organizational goals (Callado et al., 2023). The more the nurse is effectively committed, the higher the organizational citizenship behavior will be (Gusrita, 2020).

Low work engagement is accompanied by low welfare and performance (Knight et al., 2017). Work engagement can reduce the intention to leave or change jobs (Muchtdarin, 2022). High Work Engagement is accompanied by high organizational citizenship behavior (Farid et al., 2019). A strong relationship was found between work engagement and performance (Cesário & Chambel, 2017). Work engagement can increase organizational commitment (W. Kim et al., 2017). Work engagement is caused by personal and work resource development, leadership training, and health promotion (Knight et al., 2017). Job characteristics and organizational support are significant predictors of work engagement. Work engagement predicts organizational commitment, citizenship behavior, job satisfaction, and intention to leave work and mediates the relationship between antecedents and their consequences (Saks, 2017).

This study aims to determine the importance of intrinsic motivation to altruism, civic virtue, affective commitment, and work engagement of Bakti Timah Medika nurses. In the next stage, literature reviews and hypotheses that support this research will be discussed.

2. Literature Review and Hypothesis

Intrinsic Motivation

Self-determination theory (SDT) is a macro theory of human motivation developed from intrinsic and extrinsic motivation and expanded to include research on work organization and life domains other than work (Deci et al., 2017). Intrinsic motivation is an individual's spontaneous tendency to be curious and interested, seek challenges, and develop skills and knowledge, even without reward (Di Domenico & Ryan, 2017). Intrinsic motivation still plays an important role in performance even though incentives have been given (Cerasoli et al., 2014). Self-determination theory can guide the creation of policies, practices, and the environment that lead to high-quality performance (Deci et al., 2017).

Intrinsic motivation is everywhere but is exemplified in games of enthusiastic children to engage in activities without any external reward or encouragement. Intrinsic motivation is also seen in adult
activities even in the workplace (Deci et al., 2017). Intrinsic motivation depends on supporting basic psychological needs such as competence (feeling effective) and autonomy (feeling will) (Di Domenico & Ryan, 2017).

Altruism
Altruism is helping others face-to-face (e.g., helping absent workers, volunteering for unnecessary things, helping new employees when not needed, and helping other workers with high workloads) (Grego-Planer, 2019). Altruism becomes part of organizational citizenship behavior (Solihin & Manurung, 2020). Altruism is behavior intended to increase the welfare of others (Pfattheicher et al., 2022).

Civic Virtue
Civic virtue is the behavior of members of the organization at the individual level, characterized by responsible and constructive involvement of employees in organizational governance issues (Khan et al., 2020). Civic virtue is part of organizational citizenship behavior (Solihin & Manurung, 2020).

Affective Commitment
Affective commitment is an emotional attachment to an organization manifested through involvement (Mercurio, 2015). Affective commitment is an important dimension of organizational commitment, because workers with high affective commitment will exceed contractual expectations and keep the organization running smoothly. (Benkarim & Imbeau, 2021). Organizational commitment consists of affective, normative, and continuance commitment (W. Kim et al., 2017).

Work Engagement
Work engagement is a state of positive motivation through vigor, dedication, and absorption (Bakker et al., 2014). The job demand-resources theory is often used to explain work engagement. This theory proposes that a combination of job characteristics and personal resources predicts job performance through employee work engagement (Bakker & Albrecht, 2018). The characteristics of work engagement include positive emotional states that produce feelings of energy and lead to positive work-oriented behavior (Green et al., 2017).

The Effect of Intrinsic Motivation on Altruism
Workers with high intrinsic motivation tend to display altruistic behavior (Lazauskaite-Zabielske et al., 2015). Intrinsic motivation positively impacts organizational citizenship behavior (altruism, conscientiousness, civic virtue, courtesy, sportsmanship) (Solihin & Manurung, 2020). The higher the intrinsic motivation, the higher the altruism (Güntert, 2015).

The Effect of Intrinsic Motivation on Civic Virtue
Intrinsic motivation positively impacts organizational citizenship behavior (altruism, conscientiousness, civic virtue, courtesy, sportsmanship) (Solihin & Manurung, 2020). Workers with high intrinsic motivation tend to display high civic virtue behavior (Lazauskaite-Zabielske et al., 2015). The higher the intrinsic motivation, the higher the civic virtue (Güntert, 2015).

Effect of Intrinsic Motivation on Affective Commitment
Employees with high intrinsic motivation will be more effectively committed to their organization (Emiyanti et al., 2020). Intrinsic motivation bridges the influence of Islamic work ethics on organizational commitment (Gheitani et al., 2019). A positive relationship between intrinsic motivation and affective commitment was also found (Buch, 2015).

The Effect of Intrinsic Motivation on Work Engagement
Intrinsic motivation was found to play an important role in increasing work engagement (Putra et al., 2015). Work engagement can be increased through intrinsic motivation, spirituality at work, and rewards (Hua et al., 2020). For workers with high intrinsic motivation, the impact given by authentic leadership will be even greater on work engagement (Shu, 2015). Intrinsic motivation positively impacts employee work engagement (Muchtdadin, 2023).
3. Data and Method
The research design is quantitative causality, carried out over time. Respondents were 134 Bakti Timah Medika nurses who were taken by accidental sampling. Data analysis used the PLS-SEM method with the help of Smartpls. Measurements of intrinsic motivation, work engagement, affective commitment, altruism, and civic virtue were adapted from previous research (Gagné et al., 2015; H. Kim, 2014; Kristiana et al., 2019).

4. Results
Description of Respondents
The nurses consisted of 98 women and 36 men. As many as 116 nurses were married, and 18 were unmarried. A total of 91 nurses graduated with a diploma, 42 graduated with a bachelor's degree, and 1 graduated with a master's degree. Fourteen nurses aged 18-27 years, 73 aged 28-37 years, 43 aged 38-47 years, 4 aged 48 years and over. A total of 14 nurses worked less than 5 years, 31 nurses worked more than 5 years but less than 10 years, 48 nurses worked more than 10 years but less than 15 years, 26 nurses worked more than 15 years but less than 20 years, 15 nurses worked more than 20 years.

Validity Test

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<th>Variable</th>
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<tr>
<td>Altruism</td>
<td>0.552</td>
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<td>Civic Virtue</td>
<td>0.542</td>
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<td>Affective Commitment</td>
<td>0.622</td>
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<tr>
<td>Intrinsic Motivation</td>
<td>0.743</td>
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<td>Work Engagement</td>
<td>0.597</td>
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Table 1 contains the AVE values of all variables above 0.5. This result means that all variables are declared valid. The AVE value is obtained after deleting civic virtue items 1 and 4, affective commitment number 2, and work engagement numbers 8 and 9.

Table 2. Outer Loadings

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<td>AL2 (0.625)</td>
<td>CV1 (0.715)</td>
<td>KA1 (0.665)</td>
<td>WE1 (0.756)</td>
<td>IM1 (0.870)</td>
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<td>AL3 (0.807)</td>
<td>CV2 (0.846)</td>
<td>KA3 (0.813)</td>
<td>WE2 (0.816)</td>
<td>IM2 (0.872)</td>
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<td>AL5 (0.782)</td>
<td>CV3 (0.771)</td>
<td>KA4 (0.815)</td>
<td>WE3 (0.729)</td>
<td>IM3 (0.844)</td>
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<td>CV4 (0.588)</td>
<td>KA5 (0.825)</td>
<td>WE4 (0.858)</td>
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<td>KA6 (0.816)</td>
<td>WE5 (0.820)</td>
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<td>WE6 (0.707)</td>
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Table 2 contains the outer loading scores for each item from all variables. An outer loading score of less than 0.7 is still used as long as the measurement tool is valid. Altruism items are in the range of 0.625 to 0.807. Civic virtue items are in the range of 0.588 to 0.846. Affective commitment items are in the range of 0.665 to 0.825. Work engagement items are in the range of 0.707 to 0.858. Intrinsic motivation items are in the range of 0.844 to 0.872.

Reliability Test

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<td>Altruism</td>
<td>0.509</td>
<td>0.785</td>
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<td>Civic Virtue</td>
<td>0.738</td>
<td>0.823</td>
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<td>Affective Commitment</td>
<td>0.846</td>
<td>0.891</td>
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<tr>
<td>Intrinsic Motivation</td>
<td>0.827</td>
<td>0.897</td>
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<td>Work Engagement</td>
<td>0.886</td>
<td>0.912</td>
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Table 3 shows the Cronbach’s alpha score and composite reliability. All variables have a composite reliability score above 0.7, so the measuring instrument is declared reliable.

**R Square Test**

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<td>Altruism</td>
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<tr>
<td>Civic Virtue</td>
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<tr>
<td>Affective Commitment</td>
<td>0.248</td>
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<td>Work Engagement</td>
<td>0.594</td>
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Table 4 contains the R Square value where intrinsic motivation contributes to altruism by 14.3% while factors outside the research cause 85.7%. Intrinsic motivation contributes to civic virtue by 14.3%, while other factors cause 85.7%. Intrinsic motivation contributes to affective commitment by 24.8%, while factors outside the research cause 75.2%. Intrinsic motivation contributes to work engagement by 59.4%, while 40.6% is due to other factors. Intrinsic motivation has the biggest contribution to work engagement.

**F Square Test**

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<td>Altruism</td>
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<td>Civic Virtue</td>
<td>0.167</td>
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<tr>
<td>Affective Commitment</td>
<td>0.340</td>
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<td>Work Engagement</td>
<td>1.484</td>
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Table 5 contains F values where the values of altruism, civic virtue, and affective commitment are in the range of 0.15 and lower than 0.35, which means that intrinsic motivation has a moderate effect on these three variables. The impact of intrinsic motivation on work engagement has a value of 0.35 and above (1.484), which means it has a large effect. Based on the F square test, work engagement has the greatest influence on intrinsic motivation.

**Path Coefficient**

![Figure 1. Path Coefficient](image)
Figure 1 shows the direction of the influence of intrinsic motivation on altruism at 5.176 (> 1.96), the effect of intrinsic motivation on civic virtue at 6.904 (> 1.96), the effect of intrinsic motivation on affective commitment at 8.826 (> 1.96), the influence of intrinsic motivation for work engagement is 19.517 (> 1.96). These results indicate that intrinsic motivation increases altruism, civic virtue, affective commitment, and work engagement from nurses.

**Hypothesis Testing**

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<th>Civic Virtue</th>
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<th>Work Engagement</th>
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<tr>
<td>Original Sample</td>
<td>0.378</td>
<td>0.379</td>
<td>0.504</td>
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<td>T Statistics</td>
<td>5.167</td>
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<td>P Values</td>
<td>0.000</td>
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Table 6 shows the results of hypothesis testing where intrinsic motivation has the greatest influence on work engagement (correlation level = 0.773 and T statistics = 19.517) compared to altruism, civic virtue, and affective commitment. All P values were 0.000 (<0.05), indicating that the research hypothesis was accepted. The results of hypothesis testing found that intrinsic motivation had a significant positive impact on altruism, civic virtue, affective commitment, and work engagement seen from P Values (<0.05) and T statistics (>1.96).

**5. Discussion**

The majority of respondents in this study were women, married, diploma graduates, aged 28 to 37 years, and had worked for more than 10 years but less than 15 years. The total respondents were 134 Bakti Timah Medika nurses.

The study's results found a significant positive effect of intrinsic motivation on altruism. This result is supported by previous findings (Güntert, 2015; Lazauskaite-Zabiel skes et al., 2015; Solihin & Manurung, 2020). This finding means that when nurses are motivated by enjoying their work, they are more inclined to help their co-workers voluntarily.

The significant positive effect of intrinsic motivation on civic virtue is found in this study. These results are supported by previous studies (Güntert, 2015; Lazauskaite-Zabiel skes et al., 2015; Solihin & Manurung, 2020). When nurses are motivated because their work is fun, nurses will be more involved and responsible for organizational governance.

This study found a significant positive effect of intrinsic motivation on affective commitment and is supported by several previous findings (Buch, 2015; Emiyanti et al., 2020; Gheitani et al., 2019). Nurses who are motivated by enjoying their work will be more emotionally committed and more involved with their organization.

The study's results found a significant positive impact of intrinsic motivation on work engagement and are supported by previous findings (Hua et al., 2020; Muchtadin, 2023; Putra et al., 2015; Shu, 2015). Nurses motivated by a job that feels good will become passionate, dedicated, and absorbed in their work.

Intrinsic motivation has the greatest impact on work engagement, followed by affective commitment, civic virtue, and altruism (Table 6). This finding indicates that civic virtue and altruism must first go through work engagement before intrinsic influences affective commitment. Work engagement is positively related to organizational citizenship behavior and organizational commitment (Abu-Shamaa et al., 2015; Farid et al., 2019). Work engagement is thought to bridge intrinsic motivation's influence on the components of organizational citizenship behavior and organizational commitment.
Intrinsic motivation from nurses can be increased through freedom in work, meaningfulness in doing work, support from colleagues, and empowering competencies possessed (Swiatczak, 2021). Spirituality in the workplace can also make workers more intrinsically motivated (Afsar et al., 2016). When individuals express interest, curiosity, enjoyment, and other positive feelings, the individual is intrinsically motivated (Fishbach & Woolley, 2022).

This study only uses the work itself dimension adapted from (Gagné et al., 2015). Other researchers argue that intrinsic motivation has dimensions such as impact, competence, meaning, autonomy, social relatedness, and work (Swiatczak, 2021).

6. Conclusion
The conclusion that can be drawn is that a nurse's intrinsic motivation has a significant positive impact on altruism, civic virtue, affective commitment, and work engagement. The impact of intrinsic motivation on work engagement is the greatest. Future research can use work engagement as a mediating variable on the influence of intrinsic motivation on altruism, civic virtue, and affective commitment. Future researchers can add to the population in other hospitals. Hospital management should be expected to increase nurses' intrinsic motivation by creating a comfortable work environment, having autonomy at work, creating mutually supportive co-workers, and providing fair training to all nurses.

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